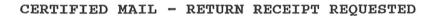


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F. Steven Mooney, Chief Executive Officer Thompson Creek Metals, LLC 5241 South Quebec Street Suite 103 Englewood, Colorado 80111

NPDES Permit No. ID-002540-2 for the Thompson Creek Mine in Re: Clayton, Idaho

Dear Mr. Mooney:

Enclosed for your information are copies of a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which we propose to issue to the referenced facility, the public notice as it will appear in the local newspaper, and a fact sheet which outlines the basis for the permit.

As a result of recent discussions with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, we modified the effluent limitations for outfall 004 in the preliminary draft permit which was sent to you. In order to insure the protection of water quality in Bruno Creek, the state felt that we should create tiered limitations based on two flow regimes.

The Public Notice will initiate a 30-day public comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, we will consider the comments received in preparation of the final permit.

Technical questions regarding the permit may be referred to William Chamberlain at (206) 553-8515.

Sincerely,

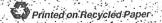
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Enclosures

cc: Henry Moran, IDHW-DEQ, Eastern Idaho Regional Office: Matt Nelson, IDHW-DEQ, Northeast Idaho Regional Office



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